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THE QDR: “DÉJÀ VU ALL OVER AGAIN”

U.S. Representative Floyd D. Spence (R-SC), Chairman of the House National Security Committee, issued the following statement upon the release of the Quadrennial Defense Review (QDR), the Administration's reappraisal of U.S. military strategy and the forces and resources needed to carry it out.

“I commend Secretary Cohen for working so diligently to complete the QDR on time. With global commitments on the rise, and neither the White House nor the Congress prepared to fully fund our national security strategy, to say that Secretary Cohen has an impossible task would be an understatement.

“Warnings that the mismatches between the Bottom-Up Review's strategy, forces and resources were seriously degrading the readiness and quality of life of our armed forces are being borne out every day. Yet despite the real world impact of an underfunded strategy that we have witnessed over the past four years, the QDR is once again headed down the road of being long on commitments and short on resources. In this regard, it truly looks like déjà vu all over again. Forcing the military to ‘do even more with even less,’ will only guarantee deepening readiness, quality of life and modernization problems.”

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